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# S. RES. 218

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the failure of Mexico to cooperate with the United States in controlling the transport of illegal drugs and controlled substances and the denial of certain assistance to Mexico as a result of that failure.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 30, 1996

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. D'AMATO, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the failure of Mexico to cooperate with the United States in controlling the transport of illegal drugs and controlled substances and the denial of certain assistance to Mexico as a result of that failure.

Whereas Mexico is one of the most significant source countries for the transport of narcotic and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances into the United States;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration estimates that at least 75 percent of all cocaine available in the United States travels through Mexico;

Whereas various United States drug enforcement agencies have estimated that 70 percent to 80 percent of all for-

eign-grown marijuana in the United States originates in Mexico;

Whereas according to the United States Customs Service, 69.5 percent of the individuals arrested for drug smuggling at border stations in the United States are Mexican nationals;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration has stated that drug smugglers have been flying airplanes into Mexico carrying 10 to 20 tons of cocaine per flight, which airplanes then return to Colombia carrying \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000 of United States currency;

Whereas Mexico has failed to prevent or punish the laundering of drug-related profits or drug-related moneys in Mexico;

Whereas Mexico has failed to prevent or punish adequately bribery and other forms of public corruption which facilitate the production, processing, and shipment of narcotic and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances into the United States or which discourage the investigation and prosecution of such activities;

Whereas the continued, large-scale transportation of narcotic and psychotropic drugs and other controlled substances from Mexico into the United States is very detrimental to the vital national interests of the United States;

Whereas not later than March 1, 1996, the President must determine and report to Congress pursuant to section 490A(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291k(b)) whether Mexico has taken sufficient steps to combat international narcotics trafficking: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the President should not make the fol-  
2       lowing certifications pursuant to section 490A(b)(1) of the  
3       Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291k(b)(1)):

4               (1) That Mexico has cooperated fully with the  
5       United States in controlling narcotic and psycho-  
6       tropic drugs and other controlled substances, and ac-  
7       tivities relating to such drugs and substances, as set  
8       forth in subparagraph (A) of that section.

9               (2) That vital national interests of the United  
10       States require United States assistance to Mexico or  
11       multilateral development bank assistance for Mexico.

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